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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John N. McMahon  
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Proposed DCID 1/XX, "Uniform Procedures for  
Administrative Handling and Accountability  
of Sensitive Compartmented Information  
(SCI)"

1.  Action Requested: That you approve the circulation of  
the attached proposed DCID to NFIB principals for concurrence and/or  
other comments.

2.  Background:

a. This proposed DCID was prepared in order to simplify  
through uniformity the administrative procedures for the control  
of compartmented information in the various programs under the  
cognizance of the DCI. While there are similarities in the  
control procedures for TALENT-KEYHOLE, COMINT,   
control systems, each system has its own security regulation.

b. This DCID brings all of the administrative procedures  
for the security control and handling of SCI materials together  
in one security regulation to facilitate understanding and  
compliance.

c. All of the Intelligence Community agencies support this  
draft DCID except NSA. NSA feels that since the Communications  
Intelligence Security Regulations (CISR), DCID 6/3, provides  
security policy, including administrative handling, for the entire  
COMINT community, this DCID should not be applicable to COMINT  
information. They also have difficulty with the concept of an  
SCI Security Control Center as the focal point for security,  
receipt, control, storage, and dissemination of SCI in each  
accredited facility. This concept is effective in customer-  
oriented situations but not in a producer-oriented environment  
where large volumes of information are received and dispatched  
daily.

d. In recognition of NSA's concern over a central control  
point, the DCID was modified to provide an alternative in

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instances where it is not practical, permitting an NFIB member to establish the control mechanism on the basis of selected components within an agency or department. Their concern about the CISR is not shared. All SCI, including COMINT, requires similar control procedures. Furthermore, applicable portions of the CISR were used as a guide in preparing this proposed regulation.


3. ☐ Recommendation: That you approve the circulation of the attached DCID to NFIB for vote sheet action.

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Attachment:  
Draft DCID

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